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# THE BUG HUNTERS

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23<sup>RD</sup> CENTURY LONDON...

ONCE, THERE WAS A LITTLE OUTFIT HERE CALLED THE INSTITUTE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF ADVANCED SYSTEMS...

BUT ABOUT THIRTY YEARS AGO, IDEAS INVENTED THE ULTIMATE ADDICTIVE COMPUTER GAME. THEY CALLED IT **GOD**...

NOW IDEAS CORP. IS A BIG OUTFIT, BIG ENOUGH TO TAKE COMPLETE CONTROL OF AN ENTIRELY GAMES-ORIENTED WORLD...

**GOD**... WAS MADE ILLEGAL A FEW YEARS BACK, BUT PEOPLE STILL PLAY IT ANYWAY.

NOT THAT IDEAS CENTRAL WORRIES ABOUT A LITTLE QUibble LIKE THAT. IDEAS CENTRAL IS THE NERVE CENTRE OF THE CORPORATION'S DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS.

I.C. IS WHERE MELISSA RAVENFLAME WORKS. SHE'S JUST BEEN LANDED WITH A NEW PROJECT...

# THE BIG HUNTERS

AND SHE ISN'T SURE SHE'S GOING TO LIKE IT!

MISS RAVENFLAME...

THIS JACKSON T. KALLIBER OUGHT TO BE PUNCTUAL... SAYS HERE HE'S AN EX-MILITARY MAN...

WHA...OH,

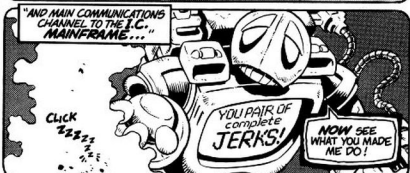
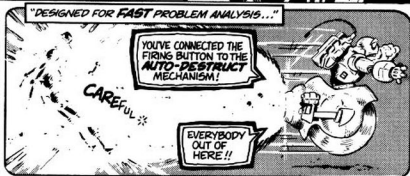
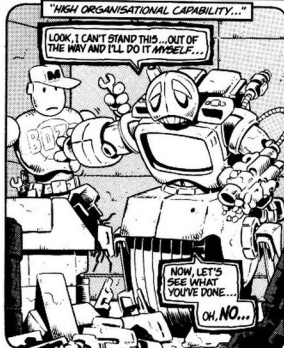
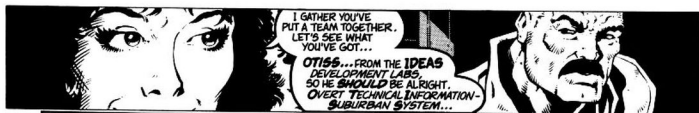
YOU'RE KALLIBER, RIGHT? I DIDN'T HEAR YOU...

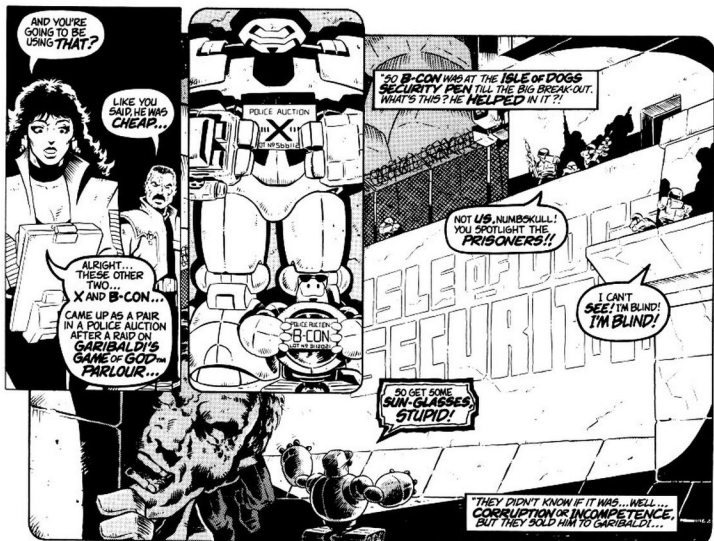
YOU WOULDN'T.

I SEE YOU USED TO HEAD THE ROGUE ROBOT RUB-OUT SQUAD...

AND NOW THEY'VE PUT YOU ON A CONSUMER SERVICE PROTECT?

SOMEONE UP THERE DOESN'T LIKE ME.











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**NEXT: THE BUG HUNTERS FACE THEIR GREATEST CHALLENGE YET... BE HERE FOR A WINTER SPECIAL! WE JUST HAD TO CALL... 'THE SNOW JOB'**

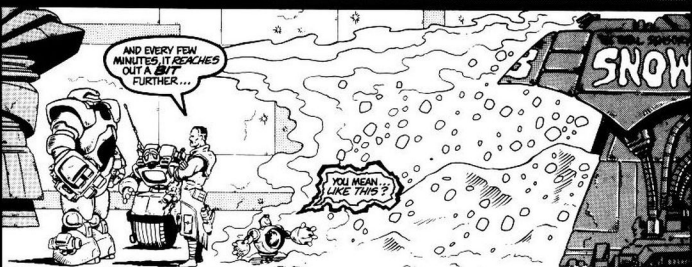
WHO LET THESE GUYS INTO THE BUILDING? - ED

HEY, PEDRO... WHO'S THIS GUY? ED? - JERRY.



PRESENTING: THE WORLD'S WEIRDEST WORK-TEAM...

# THE HUNTERS

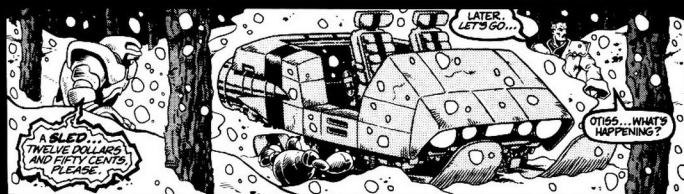




# THE SNOWJOB!

BROUGHT TO YOU BY: PEDRO HENRY AND JERRY PARIS  
WRITER-CO-PLOTTERS-ARTIST

(THE WORLD'S SECOND WEIRDEST WORK-TEAM, IF YOU ASK ME! -ED)







**NEXT:** BIG RED TAKE'S B-CON'S ADVICE AND BECOMES TOTALLY IRRESISTIBLE... **MAGNETS!**



PRESENTING: PLANET EARTH'S ERRATIC ENGINEERS...

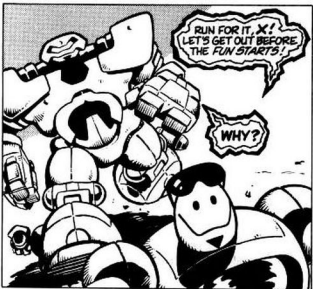
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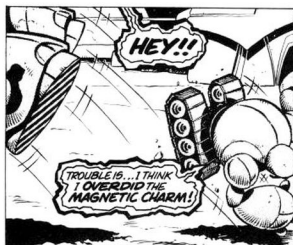
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# MAGNETS

SCRIPT: PEDRO HENRY ART: JERRY PARIS







**COMING SOON:**  
THERE'S SOMETHING NASTY  
AT IDEAS CENTRAL...  
SOMETHING VERY  
**NASTY INDEED!**  
AND THE BUG HUNTERS  
ARE ABOUT TO COME  
FACE TO FACE WITH IT!!  
BUT FIRST...

**GOD!**™

# THE HUNTERS is... PLAYING GOD

SCRIPT:  
THAT NICE MR. PEDRO HENRY

ART:  
THE LITTERLY SPLENDID  
MR. JERRY PARIS

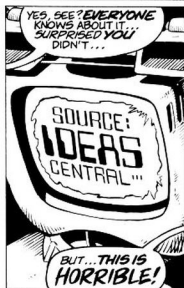
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU GUYS DOING... WHY  
WASN'T THIS STUFF EDITED OUT? -ED.











CONTINUING THE ADVENTURES OF THOSE RIDICULOUSLY RANDOM ROBOTS... **THE BLUE HUNTERS** in...

# RED GOES DARE!



SCRIPT: PEDRO HENRY ART: JERRY FARIS AND GARY LEACH.







TO BE CONTINUED...NEXT ISSUE!

THE  
BIG  
HUNTERS

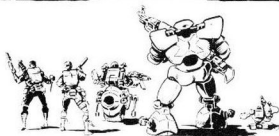
DISCOVERING THAT IDEAS CORPORATION IS BEHIND THE ILLEGAL OPERATION OF GOD... AN OUTLAWED ADDICTIVE T.S.I. GAME, MELISSA RAVENFLAME IS DETERMINED TO CONFRONT THE MAN AT THE TOP... AND THE ONLY THING IN HER WAY IS AN ENTIRE ARMY...

# "ASSAULT ON I.C."









TO BE CONTINUED!

# THE BUG HUNTERS

HAVE STORMED IDEAS CENTRAL. THEY ARE ON THE 67<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR. IT IS THE EXPERIMENTAL WEAPONS SECTION...AND THEY'VE JUST MET...

# SHERMAN

APART FROM THE ILLEGAL GAME OF GOD™ IN PARLOUR, GARIBALDI USED TO RUN ROBOT PRIZE FIGHTS! SHERMAN WAS HIS BEST BOY...

NOT BECAUSE HE WAS GOOD...NO, SHERMAN HAD THIS GLASS JAW... COULDN'T TAKE A PUNCH... BUT GARIBALDI KEPT ON HIRING HIM FOR THE MAIN EVENTS...



HE EVEN PROMOTED HIM AS 'SHERMAN THE INVINCIBLE!' REALLY PULLED IN THE CROWDS... COURSE, GARIBALDI WAS PLACING SIDE BET ON SHERMAN LOSING...

MUST HAVE MADE A FORTUNE! SHERMAN HERE WAS MORE THAN A BIT PEEVED WHEN HE FINALLY FOUND OUT... SAID HE WAS GONNA MASH ANYONE WHO WAS INVOLVED...



PERHAPS YOU FOLKS DON'T HEAR SO GOOD!! I SAID--

SHERMAN..?

YEAH... WHO'S THAT..?

IT'S ME... X, YOU GREAT BIG IDIOT! REMEMBER, I USED TO BE A BOUNKER-BOT AT GARIBALDI'S...

X!! SURE. I REMEMBER... HOW COULD I FORGET...

YOU KNOW HIM...?!

YEAH... ALTHOUGH HE WAS A LOT SMALLER BACK THEN...



THAT'S RIGHT! AND GUESS WHAT..? JUST BEFORE I MASHED GARIBALDI, HE TOLD ME YOU WERE IN ON THE SCAM TOO... SO THIS IS GONNA BE A PLEASURE...







CONTINUED--NEXT MONTH!

# THE BLUE HUNTERS

REACHING THE TOP FLOOR OF IDEAS CENTRAL,  
MELISSA AND JACKSON HAVE FORCED A FACE TO FACE  
CONFRONTATION WITH THE MAN AT THE TOP.  
THEY ARE ABOUT TO WISH THEY HADN'T...

YOU SEEM TO BE AT A  
LOSS FOR WORDS **MRS.  
RAVENFLAME**... MOST  
SURPRISING...



AFTER ALL, IT'S NOT  
AS THOUGH WE'RE  
STRANGERS, YOU AND I...



SURELY YOU REMEMBER  
**OL' FATS**... YOU BLEW  
HIS HEAD OFF! NOT A  
VERY SOCIABLE ACT...



SO LET'S DISPENSE  
WITH THE PLEASANTRIES



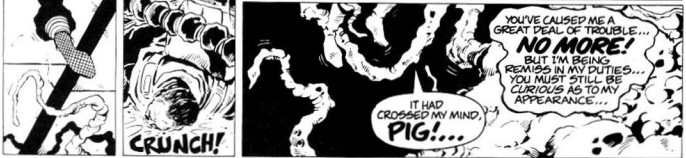
AS I  
TRULY  
AM...

YOU'VE BOTH GONE  
**EXTREMELY PALE...**  
I DO HOPE YOU  
**TASTE**  
BETTER THAN YOU LOOK...  
**HA HA HA HA**

KILL IT, KILL IT,  
OH MY GOD...  
**KALLIBER...**  
**KILL IT!!**

# THE MAN

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GOOD GRIEF!  
IT'S MS. MELISSA  
AND SHE'S BEING  
ATTACKED BY  
SOME KIND OF  
CREATURE!!



DON'T WORRY  
MR. RAVENFLAME...  
I'LL **KIT** THIS  
SUCKER SO  
HARD...



HE'LL  
THINK IT'S...  
OOPS!..



CHOMP!



SPIT!



AW NO...

HE ATE MY  
BUDDY!



HELP! IT'S  
GOT ME NOW!  
UGH! IT'S  
HORRIBLE!



A A A R R R H!



MR. KALLIBER...  
YOU'RE ALRIGHT!  
IF YOU HADN'T  
USED THAT  
**COMBAT**  
**SCYTHE**...  
IT WAS GOING TO  
EAT ME...

**SHUT UP** AND  
HELP ME **CUT** THIS  
THING... IT NEEDS  
TIME TO REGENERATE...  
LET'S NOT GIVE  
IT ANY...

AGH!.. THAT HURT!  
YOU SHOULDN'T  
HAVE DONE THAT.  
KALLIBER... NOW  
I'LL HAVE TO **TEAR**  
HER IN **HALF**...

HURRY, KALLIBER...  
IT'S **KILLING ME**...

TO BE CONTINUED--NEXT MONTH...









**A NEW BUG HUNTERS ADVENTURE BEGINS NEXT MONTH!**

THE FIRST LAW OF ROBOTICS: A ROBOT MAY NOT INJURE A HUMAN BEING, OR, THROUGH INACTION, ALLOW A HUMAN TO COME TO HARM...



# THE STEEL MADNESS

PART ONE

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...AND NEW JUST IN  
OF ANOTHER ROBOT  
RELATED KILLING...



A YOUNG COUPLE  
WERE TORN TO PIECES



...IN WHAT APPEARS  
TO BE A MOTIVELESS  
ATTACK...



...WHICH TOOK  
PLACE ONLY A FEW  
MINUTES AWAY FROM  
LAST EVENING'S  
INCIDENTS...



THIS EVENING POLICE  
HAVE REVEALED A  
GRUESOME **TWIST**  
TO THESE MURDERS...



TONIGHT'S VICTIM'S  
HAD BEEN  
PARTIALLY **EATEN**...



TWO MORE DEATHS...  
THAT MAKES **TWELVE**  
THIS WEEK... **THIRTY**  
**EIGHT** IN ALL! WE'VE  
GOT A CITY FULL OF  
FRIGHTENED PEOPLE...



IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF  
TIME BEFORE THEY START  
TO DISTRUST **EVERY**  
ROBOT! AND IF THAT  
HAPPENS...



...WHICH IS  
WHY I CALLED YOU  
HERE TONIGHT...



\*ROGUE ROBOT RUB-OUT SQUAD - ED.



CONTINUED...NEXT MONTH!

# THE STEEL MADNESS

DADDY!  
HELP!  
DADDY!

O.K. SKEEEE  
WHO WANTS A  
JOEY? SKEEE

PART TWO

WRITTEN AND DRAWN BY  
JERRY FARIS@1886

AND FEATURING

THE HUNTERS

INKS AND OTHER STUFF  
BY GARRY LEACH.

THERE'S A TACTICAL  
ASSAULT SQUAD ON ITS  
WAY UP... THEY'LL SECURE  
THE AREA... BUT WE DON'T  
KNOW THE SITUATION  
INSIDE... HAVE TO USE  
A REMOTE FIRST...

WEAPONS SYSTEMS  
ARMED AND LOCKED.

GOING IN LETS  
OPEN A LINE OF  
DIALOGUE...

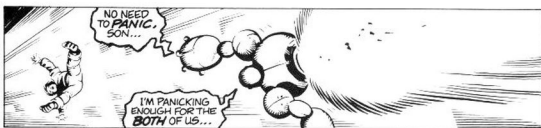
HEY, JOEY,  
SKEEEE  
LOOK AT THIS!  
SKEEEE

ATTENTION!  
YOU ARE ENDANGERING  
A HUMAN LIFE... YOU  
WILL RETURN THE CHILD  
TO THE LEDGE AND THEN  
SHUT YOURSELF DOWN  
IMMEDIATELY!!

I REPEAT,  
YOU WILL RETURN  
THE CHILD TO...

YOU WANT  
THE KID...?  
SKEEEE

HE'S ALL  
YOURS!  
SKEHEEE







TO BE CONTINUED...





GOOD MORNING, CAN I HELP YOU?

I'M THE MANAGER, CAN I HELP YOU...?

CLOSE DOWN?!  
ER... I DON'T WANT TO SEEM BAWKWARD, BUT THE LAST TIME WE TRIED THAT THERE WAS NEARLY A RIOT!!

HEY, GRANDPA... YOU SAYING I CAN'T GET MY SUPREMO DELUX SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN CHUNK?

LISTEN, MAN... I'VE BEEN GETTIN' A SUPREMO DELUX SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN CHUNK EVERY DAY SINCE AUNTIE Y'S OPENNED...

UNHEALTHY FOR YOU, DOG-MEAT, IF YOU'RE THE DUDE WHOSE GONNA TRY AND STOP ME...



WE'D LIKE TO SPEAK WITH THE MANAGER, PLEASE...

CLOSE...  
THAT'S RIGHT, MA'AM... BY ORDER L.M.P.\*

THAT'S RIGHT.

SOUNDS VERY UNHEALTHY.

ER, NO...

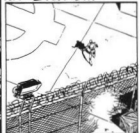
BUT HE WILL, BEHIND YOU...



'NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS  
RE-CALL EVERY ROBOT...'



'THAT **BOUGHTON-BOTICS**™  
HAVE MANUFACTURED IN THE  
LAST 2 YEARS...'



'YOU!  
STAY WHERE  
YOU ARE...'



'WAIT A MOMENT... KALLIBRA  
LOOK AT THE SCREENS...'



'REPORTS FLOODING IN  
FROM ALL OVER THE CITY...'



'HUNDREDS OF ROBOTS HAVE  
GONE MISSING IN THE PAST  
HOUR...'



'WELL, MELISSA, YOU CAN  
CANCEL THAT RECALL  
DIRECTIVE...'



'WE WON'T NEED TO GO  
LOOKING FOR THEM...'



TO BE CONCLUDED...

# THE STEEL MADNESS

PART FOUR  
FEATURING THE...  
**BULLETHUNTERS**



MULTIPLE  
SIGNALS... TARGETS  
CLOSING.

STAND BY...



OPEN  
FIRE!!

COME AND GET IT,  
YOU MUTHERS!!

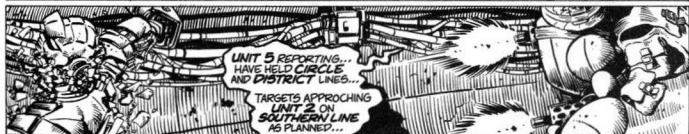


KALLIBER  
TO ALL UNITS...  
REPORT IN...



GRILL TO KALLIBER...  
RECADILLY AND  
CHARING CROSS  
EXITS HAVE  
BEEN HELD...

HEAVY CASUALTIES  
SUSTAINED.



UNIT 5 REPORTING...  
HAVE HELD CIRCLE  
AND DISTRICT LINES...

TARGETS APPROCHING  
UNIT 2 ON  
SOUTHERN LINE  
AS PLANNED...



GOOD. UNIT 3 AND 5  
HOLD YOUR POSITIONS...  
UNIT 4, STAND BY  
AT WESTMINSTER.  
WE'LL LINK UP WITH  
YOU AFTER WE SEAL  
THIS EXIT...  
MELISSA, ANYTIME  
YOU'RE READY...



O.K. JACKSON,  
WE'RE AT THE  
SOUTH BANK EXIT.  
I HOPE THIS  
WORKS...

RED...  
TAKE YOUR  
POSITION...



AND YOU'RE  
SURE I WON'T  
GET INTO  
TROUBLE  
FOR THIS..?

YOU LET  
ME WORRY  
ABOUT THAT...

ER... O.K...  
JUST HERE  
THEN...



FUNNY JOB, THOUGH...  
STOMPING THE  
SOUTH BANK...



OH, WELL...

THOOM!

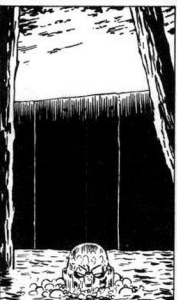
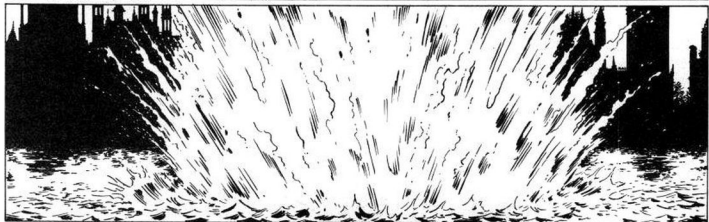


I CAN SEE THE  
PLATFORM AHEAD...  
TO THE SURFACE...  
ATTACK! KILL  
THE HUMANS!  
KILL! KILL!

WAIT... WHAT'S  
HAPPENING TO  
THE TUNNEL..?!



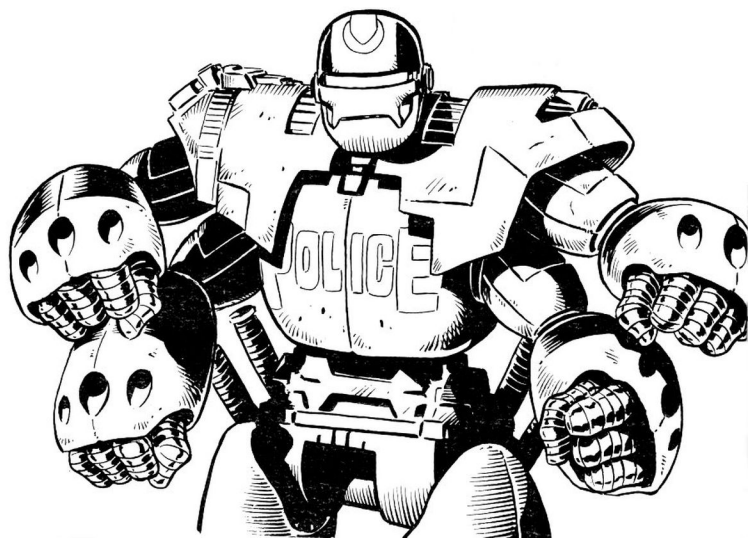
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GHH

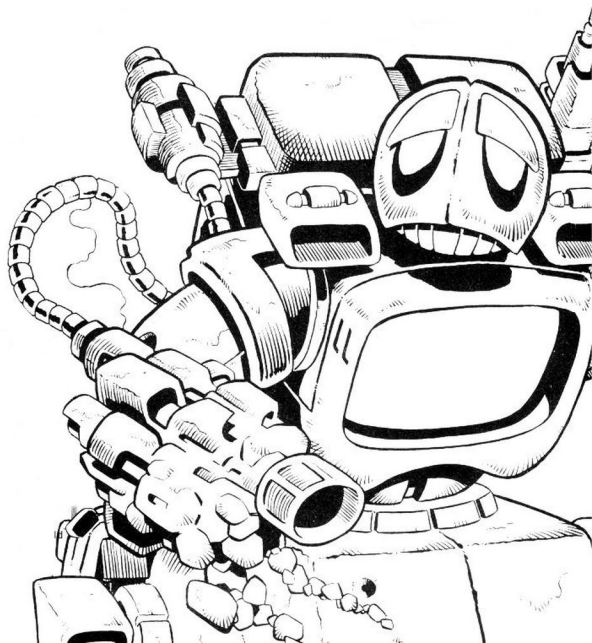


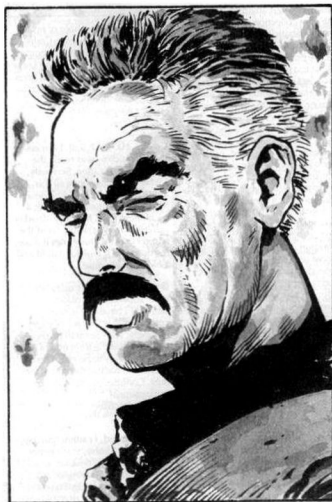
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CONFIRMED  
BAND 5...

PROCEEDING  
INSIDE  
WAREHOUSE...

"THAT'S AN AFFIRM,  
LIEUT. AUDIO-  
VISUAL NICE  
AND CLEAN..."



SWITCHING TO  
INFRA-SCAN...



FAINT GLOWS...  
NO POSITIVE  
TRACES...

ADMF 1002N



MOVING TO  
UPPER LEVEL...



PICKING UP  
MOVEMENT...  
SUSPECT IN  
CLOSE PROXIMITY...  
SOMETHING  
WRONG HERE...



GRZZIKK!!



CONDITION RED!  
UNDER ATTACK...  
LOWER LEFT ARM  
IMMOBILIZED.  
ASSUMING OFFENSIVE  
MODE...



CABLES  
SNARLING  
ME...



"WHAT THE HELL'S  
HAPPENING THERE..."

ARMS IMMOBILIZED!  
CANNOT RETURN  
FIRE...



SITUATION CRITICAL!  
REQUESTING IMMEDIATE  
BACK-UP...



HAVE VISUAL  
CONTACT...

"GODDAM...  
IT'S A  
ROACH..."



"A-V DOWN... CAN  
YOU RESPOND?  
LIEUT...?"



# LIEUT. LAWW



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## AR003413521 XENOLOGICAL PROFILE

NAME: DU-55 UR ROCA

DOB: N/K AGE: 139 EARTH STANDARD (APPROX)

HEIGHT: 1.70M WEIGHT: 280 KILOS

GENDER: AUTOSEXUAL I.Q.: 190 (APPROX)

SYSTEM OF ORIGIN: KRAYA, 4TH PLANET,  
BARNARD'S STAR. (RED DWARF)

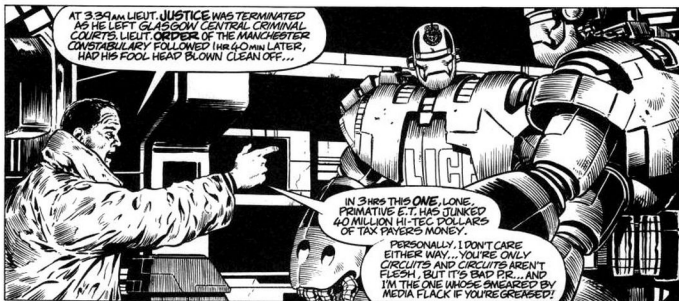
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6 LIMBS AND HANDS. - EXCEPTIONALLY TOUGH  
BLUE CHITINOUS EXOSKELETON. - VERTIBRATE. -  
320 DEGREES FIELD OF VISION. - IMMUNE TO  
DISEASE, CELLULAR DETERIORATION OR MALFUNCTION.  
KRAYANS ONLY SUFFER ACCIDENTAL DEATH.  
68% OXYGEN REQUIREMENT.  
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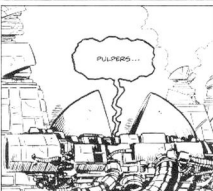
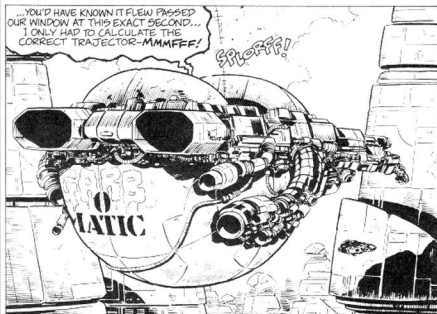






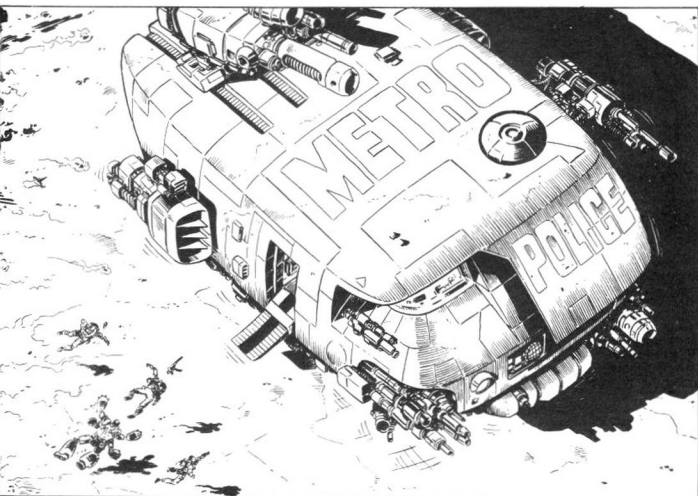
# LIEUT. LAW

## EPISODE TWO:









DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S  
USING, BUT A FEW ROUNDS  
FOR MY ARM CANNON'S  
WOULDN'T GO AMISS...

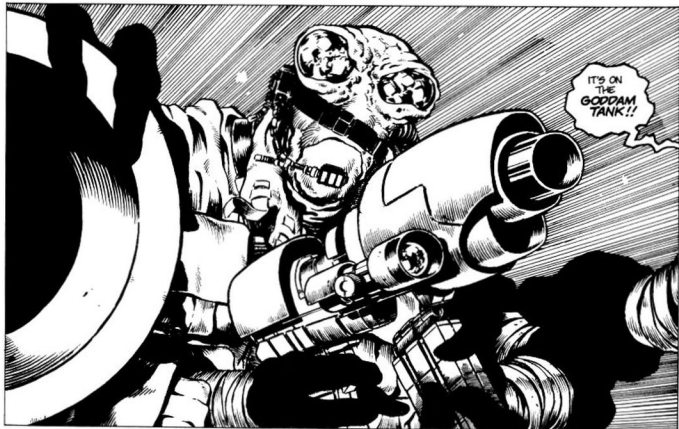


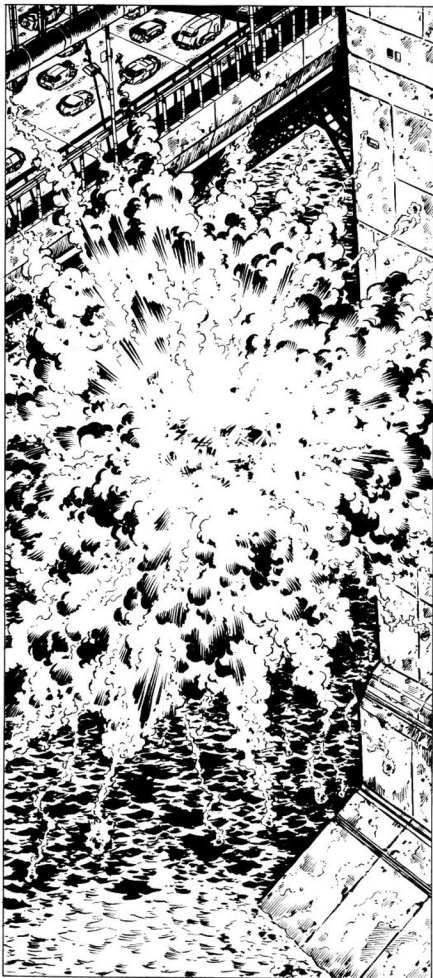
HEY...  
WHERE'S MY  
CONVERTABOT?..



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# LIEUT. LAW EPISODE THREE





THIS SITUATION  
STINKS  
WORSE THAN WE  
DO, SPILLANE...

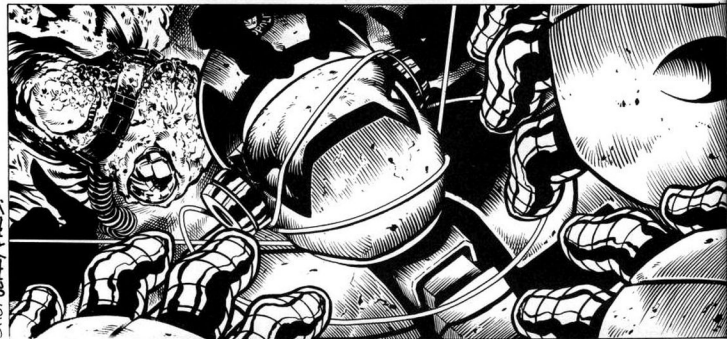
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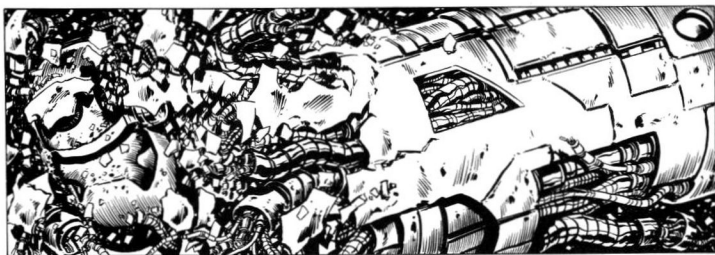
SOMEONE  
WAS FEEDING  
INFORMATION ON  
US TO THAT CREATURE...  
IT KNEW OUR EVERY  
MOVE... BEFORE  
EVEN WE DID...  
AND THERE'S ONLY ONE  
PERSON WHO HAD  
THAT KIND OF  
INFORMATION...

TO BE CONCLUDED...

# LIEUT. LAWW

EPISODE FOUR





TO BE CONCLUDED...NEXT MONTH (HONEST!)



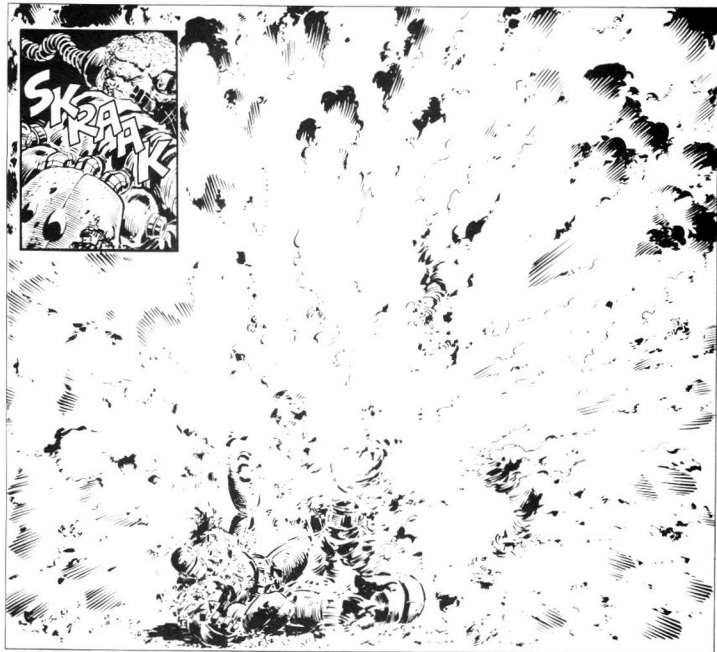
WOOOOOAAAH!

LAWW... WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING MAN... IT'S  
THROWING YOU AROUND  
LIKE A RAG-DOLL!!  
GRAB THE LITTLE  
BUGGER!

DON'T PLAY  
WITH HIM, YOU FOOL...  
DESTROY HIM!  
SMASH HIS METAL  
BODY!!...

IT'S DAMAGED MY  
MAIN SERVO-POWER LINK...  
CAN HARDLY MOVE!  
IT'S JUST TOO  
DAMNED  
FAST!!





**END**



With love  
Melissa R





**COMPUTER**  
**+VIDEO**  
**GAMES**

**RED**  
**GOES**  
**APE!**





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NEWS

COMPUTER  
& VIDEO  
GAMES

Their job is to deal with rogue robots:  
dangerous mechanoids which have  
gone mad, or robots programmed  
for destruction.

It's a very dangerous job -  
made even more deadly because  
they're so useless at it...

